

# EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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| Title: <b>Authorized Transitional ALS Certification Courses</b> |  |              |
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| Date of Issue: <b>December 1, 2002</b>                          | Effective Date: <b>January 1, 2005</b> |              |

- A. There are two (2) Transitional Advanced Life Support Training Programs authorized for issuance of certification in Virginia until all current providers at these training levels have transitioned to the replacement training levels listed. These training programs are:
  1. EMT-Shock Trauma (Transitions to EMT-Enhanced)
  2. EMT-Cardiac (Transitions to EMT-Intermediate)
- B. Effective January 1, 2003, all providers currently certified at the EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-Cardiac training levels will be allowed to recertify until December 31, 2005 at their current certification level. Following completion of recertification, all EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-Cardiac level providers desiring to maintain advanced life support certification will be required to complete the designated "Transition" continuing education program to gain certification at the corresponding replacement training program level listed above. If any EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-Cardiac level provider has not completed a Transition program by December 31, 2008 their certification at the EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-Cardiac level will expire and they will revert to EMT-Basic certification.
- C. Currently certified Shock Trauma Technicians taking an initial EMT-Enhanced Program or currently certified Cardiac Technicians taking an initial EMT-Intermediate Program who have successfully completed the entire initial program as indicated on the Course Student Disposition Report (CSDR) form, may use this initial training program completion in lieu of a transition program provided they make this request in writing to the ALS Training Specialist.
- D. Effective December 31, 2003, no initial EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-Cardiac training programs may be started.
- E. Effective June 30, 2004, all didactic instruction of training programs leading to certification at the EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-Cardiac training levels must have been completed by this date.
- F. Effective December 31, 2004 all providers currently enrolled in a training program leading to certification at the EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-Cardiac training levels must have begun the

certification testing process. Students in these programs must have completed all clinical requirements for certification testing eligibility as of this date.

- G. Effective December 31, 2005 all providers currently enrolled in a training program leading to certification at the EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-Cardiac training levels or attempting to recertify at these levels must have completed all allowed attempts at certification testing. As of this date EMT-Shock Trauma or EMT-Cardiac certification exams will no longer be offered at any state test sites.